GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
FOREIGN FUNDING TO MADARSAS
BRAHMANAND MANDAL;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have carried out any survey regarding foreign funding to madarsas in border areas of the country as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 24, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the outcome of survey;

(c) whether these madarsas are financed by Karachi based trust which has not followed the legal procedures specified under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act;

(d) if so, the number of madarsas found illegally receiving foreign assistance, State-wise;

(e) the names of the countries providing assistance to these madarsas; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.223 FOR 19TH MARCH 2002 REGAF
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(a): No. Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.

(d)to(f): Experience shows that the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 [FCRA], in its present form, lacks adequate safeguards to check the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by the recipient organisations.

In order to strengthen the law regulating flow and utilization of foreign contribution, a proposal to enact a new legislation, replacing the existing FCRA, is receiving the Government`s attention.